

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Committed to new hope in Christ through family, fellowship, and service.



December 15, 2013



New Hope United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

Advent Reading

"When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

Matthew 11:2-5 (NRSV)

* Call to Worship

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

*People: **Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful singing.***

Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

*All: **For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting,
and His faithfulness to all generations.***

Psalm 100

Sung Response

**O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us
adore him, Christ the Lord.**

UMH 234

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today we give thanks for the joy that is found among us and in your hope that guards our hearts. Help us to show that joy in our words and actions this advent season.

* Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

♪ UMH 216

* Opening Prayer

(Sacramentary, USA, 20th cent.)

**O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted,
let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts
and announce the dawn of your kingdom.
Before the advent of the One who baptizes**

**with the fire of the Holy Spirit,
let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice,
and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ.
We ask this through the One whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

* Gloria Patri

♪ UMH 70

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclamation

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

James 5:7-10

* Hymn

To A Maid Engaged to Joseph

♪ UMH 215

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

Go and Tell

Rev. Brian Siegle

Response

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

(Liturgy of the Hours, USA, 20th cent.)

**Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us
in Jesus Christ.**

**At the message of an angel,
the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will.**

**Filled with the light of your Spirit,
she became the temple of your Word.**

**Strengthen us by the example of her humility,
that we may always be ready to do your will,
and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[silent prayers of confession]

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Giving God's tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

- * Christmas Doxology ♪ on screen
- * Prayer of Thanksgiving
- * The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Sending Forth

- * Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ♪ UMH 57
- * Benediction
- * Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)* ♪ UMH 211

* Please stand, as you are able

♪ UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal (red hymn book), ♪ TFWS = The Faith We Sing (black hymn book)

Worship Notes

Liturgist: Linda South

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Stuart and the New Hope choir, by Marjorie Sears.

Next Week:

Liturgist: Holly Siegle

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; *Romans 1:1-7*; Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: *In Time*

Note from the Finance Committee:

We rejoice to inform the New Hope Congregation that as of the end of November, we *have paid at least 100%* of all our shared ministry cost (apportionments)!

Congratulations are in order for the entire congregation for this great achievement ahead of schedule!

Numbers last week

Sunday School attendance – 19

Budget Offering : \$3,237.20

Building Fund : \$290.00

Worship attendance – 51

Cemetery Fund : \$20.00

Budget funds received year-to-date : \$90,160.90

Budget projection: + \$3,612.77

Annual 2013 budget : \$91,847

Average needed each week for budget: \$562.03

UMCOR Disaster Response offering this month: \$259.00

Announcements

Talents and Gifts. If you feel that you have a skill or talent or gift that you would like to use in the life of the church, please get in touch with Pastor Brian so that he can meet with you to discuss it. If necessary, we can create a whole new ministry to use those talents.

Our Christmas Play is tonight! *Operation Christ Child*, is tonight at 6:00pm. It is a humorous account of the work the angels must do to arrange all of the events and circumstances required for the birth of Christ to the world. Our Christmas party follows, so bring a festive attitude, and an appetizer or dessert dish to share!

New Hope car magnets are here! Purchase one for you and more as gifts! They are \$5 each, and are designed to be used on vehicles and exposed to the weather. Show off your New Hope pride to the community!

The York River District Mission team is leading a **district-wide Hurricane Sandy recovery mission trip** to Brooklyn, NY, March 22-29. If you or parishioners are interested in learning more and potentially joining this group, then please contact Rev. David Magruder (804-384-7798) for more information.

Certified Lay Servant Academy is coming February 21-23 at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping laity to carry out the mission of the church. Anyone interested can take one or more courses just for the interest in the topic. For a full weekend you can take up to six classes. This format will also allow Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday participation only. Anyone interested in this great way to expand your faith journey should contact Pastor Brian.

Clergy, lay leaders invited to **Wesley Pilgrimage in England**. Immerse yourself in the Christ-centered leadership of John and Charles Wesley through a 10-day adventure in the England of the Wesleys. The Wesley Pilgrimage in England will be July 14-24, 2014, and is open to all United Methodist lay and clergy leaders. It is sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship and General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Credit Union to donate \$25 to local church for each auto loan. The [Virginia United Methodist Credit Union](#) (VUMCU) has launched a new vehicle loan program to benefit Virginia Conference churches. When clergy and church members finance a vehicle purchase with VUMCU or refinance a vehicle loan that they currently have with another lender, VUMCU will donate \$25 to their local church. Current rates start as low as 1.93% APR, and 100% financing is available. Call 1-866-657-0004 to apply.

UMCOR calls for relief supply kits. Officials ask that you DO NOT donate unrequested materials to disaster areas. Instead, make UMCOR approved relief kits. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) needs cleaning buckets, health kits and school kits. See www.umcor.org for kit details.

Reaching Out on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00-11:30 at the York River District office, 236 Harpersville Rd.; Newport News, VA 23601. An informational session led by DS Joe Carson and District Program Coordinator Shan Sixbey to assist in learning more about the insights available through MissionInsite and Thomas Bandy's analysis of the information.

The dates for Voices Of Youth 2014 are here: we will be traveling JULY 3-20!!!! VOICES OF YOUTH 2014 will be traveling to work alongside the UMC on the Island of Nassau in the Bahamas with BAHAMAS METHODIST HABITAT. After a time of orientation, group building, and rehearsal, VOY will be travel to Nassau, Bahamas for 1 week, then return to the VA Conference to tour presenting worship experiences in host churches throughout the conference. We are blessed to be a part of an Annual Conference that offers many mission opportunities around the world and right here in Virginia. For more information about the organization we will be working with in the Bahamas please follow this link: <http://www.methodisthabitat.org>. We are still looking for several adults interested in traveling as a part of the Adult Staff for the trip as well. All applications and information is on our website www.voyva.org or please feel free to contact the VA Conference VOY Coordinator Jenn Dixon at coordinator@voyva.org or jennydpt07@gmail.com or call at 757-348-7084!

Caretakers of God's Creation on Thursday, January 9 from 7:00-8:30 at Chestnut Memorial UMC or Thursday, January 16 from 7:00-8:30 at Susanna Wesley UMC. Caretakers of God's Creation is a United Methodist Church and Community Ministry dedicated to caring for and healing God's creation. It works with congregations across the country to enable them to make the connection between Biblical theology and a sense of responsibility to be in relationship to God's creation. "The Green Church Initiative," a Virginia Conference ministry, is one way it provides Virginia congregations with the resources they need to live out their faith as caretakers of God's creation. As all UM churches are encouraged to take part in the Green Church initiative, these meetings are designed to be the beginning of quarterly meetings of Green Church representatives to include a discussion of successes and difficulties and opportunities for joint activities.

UMVIM training on Saturday, January 18 from 9:30-3:30 at the Wesley Foundation at the College of William & Mary; 526 Jamestown Rd.; Williamsburg, VA 23185. \$55 covers the cost of background check, booklet, and food provided by the Wesley Foundation. UMVIM training provides excellent preparation for anyone leading a mission team, even for experienced team leaders. Moreover, if a team has an UMVIM trained leader then phenomenal, very inclusive, low cost insurance is available through UMVIM.

UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) training on Saturday, January 18 from 8:30-4:30 at Williamsburg UMC; 500 Jamestown Rd.; Williamsburg, VA 23185. \$55 covers the cost of background check, training materials, and food provided by the Wesley Foundation. ERTs respond to a disaster after receiving an invitation for help. Team members must be self-contained as they are usually assisting while limited resources are still very constrained. The training will teach the "who, what, when, where, and how of doing ministry as well as hands on experience, in the specific tasks that early responders are expected to accomplish."

Stop Hunger Now aids Typhoon Haiyan survivors Stop Hunger Now was in the process of setting up an office in Manila when Typhoon Haiyan struck in November. The United Methodist partner and hunger relief agency had shipped some 1.8 million meals, along with water filters, to the Philippines for typhoon survivors as of early December.

Prayers

"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it."



Anna Akers, Tim and Judy Aldridge, Harriet Ammons, Douglas Anthony, Alfred Bennett, Roland Bourne, Katrina Bradshaw, Anne Bristow, Meagan Brown, Dickie Brooks, Nancy Brooks, George Callis, Alex "Dinkie" Carter, Gene Chaffin, Neal Christie, Kate Clark, Kristen Cole, Edith Mae Collier, Helen Collier, Mike Conrad, Barbara Crowe, Meredith Crowe, Jordan Crowell, Irene Crump, Jim and Sarah Crumpton, Tamika Daniels, Joan Dier, Charles "Butch" Dixon, Peter Dolezal, Jen Elswick, Vernelle Fletcher, Cathy Gallagher, Donna Garrett, Debbie Goodrich, Robin Gray, Jamie Haden, Brenda and Jeff Hall, Jessica Hall, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, T.A. Haynes, Fred Hogge, Angie Horsley, Tillie Hudgins, Eleanor Jacks, Amy Jackson, Grace Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, John Jiles, Whalen Kemp, Jim King, Susan Lawson, Sandy Lee, Will Leggett, Johnny Lewis, Leigh Brown Lindsey, Rita Michaels, Michele Murphy, Aubrey and Camille Nelson, Anita Newcomb, Marianne Nichols, Billy & Crystal Norton, Jeannie Oakes, Charlotte Palmer, Warren Palmer, Maruice Parker, Tommy and Vickie Reamer, Kelly Richards, Jeff Rilee, Louisa Roane, Debra Robinson, Rev. Jane Sabean, Mike Salais, Karen Sallam, Abbi Schaub, Ann Shoaff, Jessica Smith, Bob Staul, Pat Stowe, Charlie Sturtz, Nell Thimsen, Charles Thrift, Chris Tomlinson, Keith Tremel, Tommy Vosnick, Jesse Walton, Floyd Gene Ward, Ruby Willoughby, Bobby Wilson, Nannie Mae Wilson, Robert Woodfin, Carolyn Yarrington, Paulette Yates

- Those who do not have the joy of a faith community to call home
- Those for whom the holiday season is a time of sadness
- Those who are living in the midst of natural disaster and violence
- Those who have experienced tragedy this holiday season



This Week

Today – Christmas play practice – after worship

Christmas Play and Party – 6:00pm

Monday – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00pm

Tuesday – Walter Hall's birthday

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm

Coming Up

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 7:00pm

December 25 – **Christmas Day**

December 29 – Worship with Carol Sing

January 1 – **New Year's Day**



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